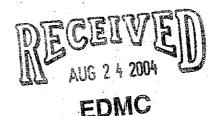


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Dear Mr. Earley: Larvy

The EPA has reviewed and approves the subject document provided in DOE letter 04-AMCP-0381. Since this document was written, EPA understands that the Department of Energy (DOE) has decided to treat the NLOP sludge at Hanford's T Plant rather than using the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's 325 building. The EPA approves that deviation from this document.

If you have any questions on this document approval, please contact me at 509-376-9884.

Sincerely,

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